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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Western Economic Assistance to Selected Soviet Client States

Since 1975, the Western international aid community has provided approximately \$5.5 billion in economic assistance to Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Cuba, and Vietnam. More than 90 percent of this aid has carried concessional terms. In recent years, multilateral agencies (such as the UN and EEC) have provided about 40 percent of this assistance, much of it as emergency food grants.

Western countries and multilateral institutions have consistently provided far more economic aid than the USSR has to its African clients since their Marxist revolutions. Among the Western donors to African Marxist states, Germany, Italy, the Scandinavian countries, the Netherlands, and the United States have been the most generous. Italy has provided most of the bilateral Western assistance to Cuba in the form of commercial credits, while Denmark, Finland, France, and Sweden have accounted for the bulk of Vietnam's Western bilateral aid receipts.

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